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Chief, St/PC

Review of 1953 Basic Research Program

1. The need to establish firm procedures for formal review and revision of the 1953 Basic Research Program has been accentuated by an unusual sequence of events within the past few days.

2. St/PC has received within the past few days written memoranda from the Chief, D/S, from the Chief, D/M/P and from [REDACTED] OCh/R, outlining the need for reorientation of the 1953 program in the zone of responsibility of each of these individuals. St/PC has also been advised orally by [REDACTED] of D/I that the program for D/I is in need of a thorough study.

3. There has also been laid on ORR in the past few days an unusually large series of requirements from ONE in the form of SE-37, NIE-87, NIE-88, NIE-90, which will have a marked effect on the Basic Research Program.

4. I urgently request that the procedures as previously recommended for the establishment of the Project Control Committee and the Project Control Board be approved and placed into effect at the earliest possible moment.

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